

1972

Land **donated** by Jewel Tea and Kendall Corp. for a Library on Northwest Highway

1979-80

The Village of Barrington, Barrington Area Library, and IDOT agree to place a traffic signal at Berry Road and Route 14. A cooperative agreement for ongoing maintenance of the signal is **shared 25% by the Village, 25% by the Library, and 50% by IDOT.**

Lake Zurich Road Re-Alignment

A Decades-Long History

1997-98

Public hearings held regarding the Garlands project. A global traffic plan for the area is presented ("**Spine Road**") that would bring Lake Zurich Road behind the Barrington Area Library and out at Valencia Road with a traffic light. The Library rejects this plan in order to keep the light at Berry Road.

2002-05

After tremendous community engagement, the Barrington Park District acquires the Jewel Tea Property, which then becomes Citizens Park. **Voters support an \$11.5 million referendum** to acquire and develop Citizens Park.

2005-06

After filing a petition for condemnation, the Barrington Area Library acquires 3.16-acre parcel of **Pepper Construction private property for potential future expansion.** In 2006, at the height of the real estate market, the **library paid a total of \$916,780 (\$290,000 per acre)**, which did not include any indication of any payment for "damage to the remainder." Library referendum questions related to bonds for potential expansion did not pass in both 2004 and 2008.

2006

The Barrington Park District grants an easement for a dedicated right-of-way to the Village of Barrington for a portion of the Citizens Park property at Lake Zurich Road **to be used for a re-routing of the road in the future.**

2008

Engineering firm Gewalt Hamilton works with the Village of Barrington on traffic solutions to re-route Lake Zurich Road.

The representatives of the Library Board and the Village Board met four times in June and July 2008 to discuss the Village's proposal to re-route Lake Zurich Road to the Berry Road traffic signal.

The Library considers these options but takes no action.

2010

Hospice of Northeastern Illinois (now JourneyCare) **builds its Hospice Home & Center for Care** on the Pepper property near Citizens Park.

Village of Barrington receives Federal TIGER II planning grant to allow planning for a grade separation for Route 14 at CN railroad crossing.

2012

The TIGER II grant funds Phase I work of the Route 14 grade separation project and a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAG) is formed. The Lake Zurich Road alternative which realigns the road to the Berry Road light is selected as the preferred alternative by citizens. 500 people from the area are surveyed during the process, with **88% indicating a need to relocate Lake Zurich Road for safety reasons.**

2013-14

The Lake Zurich Road realignment project is separated from the Route 14 underpass project in order to maximize state and federal funding opportunities for both projects – and to allow the Lake Zurich Road project to occur first and **avoid closure of the road during underpass construction.**

In 2013 the Library undergoes an **extensive renovation** of its facility.

2015

A traffic study at Lake Zurich Road and Route 14 indicates that of 1,470 vehicles entering the intersection in a one-day period from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., 27% of cars turned right onto Route 14 from Lake Zurich Road and proceeded toward Route 59, 56% turned left, and 17 % turned right in order to then quickly make a left onto North Avenue. In sum, **73% were attempting to travel left from Lake Zurich Road.**

State, federal, and local funding is allocated for the Lake Zurich Road re-alignment project.

2016-17

2018

The Village of Barrington approves an inter-governmental agreement with the Barrington Area Library to re-route Lake Zurich Road **at no cost to the Library taxpayers.** The Library considers the proposal.